

PRMO no 9 Midland Region
STONE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

To the Chairman and Members of
The Stone Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady & Gentlemen,

I beg to submit to you my report for the year 1942.

Considering that this is the fourth year of war, with the continual strain of anxiety, overwork and stricter rationing of food, the health of the public in your District is well maintained.

The increasing incidence of Tuberculosis is a disquieting feature, but apart from that, the district has been free from epidemics, and much serious illness.

In July a case of suspiciously resembling Smallpox, and diagnosed as such by the Regional Medical Officer came into the district from Reading.

This case, and the difficulty with which arrangements were made to dispose of it, immediately brought to light the inadequacy of the local and neighbouring Isolation Hospitals to deal with a serious outbreak of Smallpox.

The building at Yarnfield which was originally allocated for Smallpox cases was put in fairly modern order. The staffing was the great difficulty and would have been quite inadequate had there been many cases.

The campaign for immunization against Diphtheria has continued steadily during the year and the percentage of cases done to the child population is steadily increasing. Local Medical practitioners have now been circularised with a view to immunizing those children, too young to go to school, and unable to attend a Welfare Centre.

Scavenging and disinfecting of houses, and other duties has been carried out satisfactorily by your Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Hawkes, whose assistance I am much indebted to, together with Mr. Gaskin, Mr. Bevan and the rest of the office staff.

I have the honour to be, Lady and Gentleman,

Your obedient servant,

R. Murray Barrow,

Medical Officer of Health.

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TUBERCULOSIS.New cases and Mortality during 1942.

	Male		Female.		Total.
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	
New Cases	4	1	8	-	13
Deaths	2	1	1	-	4

Number of cases on Register at the end of 1942.....53

BIRTH AND DEATH RATE.

	Stone District.	Rural	Eng & Wales.
Birth Rate per 1000 population.	12.2		15.8
Still Birth Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births.	32.25		
Crude Death Rate per 1000 population.	7.6		11.6
* Corrected Death Rate per 1000 population.	7.3		
Death Rate of Infants under 1 year per 1000 live births.	25		49

* The corrected Death Rate is obtained by multiplying the crude
Death Rate by the factor 0.96.

ADMISSIONS TO YARNFIELD HOSPITAL 1942.

	From Stone R.D.C.	From Stone U.D.C.	From Uttoxeter U & R.D.C.
Scarlet Fever.	13	9 *	0
Diphtheria.	25	4	1
Cerebro Spinal Fever.	1	0	0
Total	39	13	1

* Including one observation case.

VITAL STATISTICS TO DECEMBER. 1942.

Births & Deaths.

	Total	Male	Female
Live Births	200	103	97
	Illegitimate.....	9	2
Still Births	Legitimate.....	7	4
	Illegitimate.....	Nil	Nil
Deaths of Infants under one year.	Legitimate.....	3	1
	Illegitimate.....	2	1

DEATHS FROM CERTAIN SPECIFIED DISEASES.

Disease.	Male	Female	Total.
Cancer.....	13	13	26
Heart Disease.....	17	16	33
Intra cranial.....	2	8	10
Accidents.....	7	3	10
Suicide.....	2	Nil	2

DEATHS FROM PUEPERAL CAUSES.

	Deaths in Stone R.D.	Rate per 1,000 (live & still) births Stone R.D.	Eng & Wales.
Puerperal Sepsis.....	1	5	0.48
Other Puerperal Causes.....	Nil	Nil	Nil.

BACTERIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL EXAMINATION OF WATER.

Bacteriological examination of water supplies...	Satisfactory	3
	Unsatisfactory	4
Chemical examination of water supplies.....	Satisfactory	3
	Unsatisfactory	4

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Notifiable diseases.

	Notified	Deaths.
Small Pox.	1	Nil.
Diphtheria.	23	Nil.
Scarlet Fever.	28	Nil.
Enteric.	Nil.	Nil.
Puerperal Pyrexia.	2.	1.
Pneumonia	10	2.
Erysipelas.	2.	Nil.
Measles.	30.	Nil.
Whooping Cough.	1.	Nil.
Cerebro Spinal.	Nil.	Nil.
Paratyphoid.	Nil.	Nil.

IMMUNIZATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

The table below gives figures for immunization against Diphtheria. They relate to the special drive for immunizing school children, held during the summer of 1942.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	CONSENT GIVEN	IMMUNIZED.
Yarnfield C of E School.	38	35
Fulford C of E School.	52	47
Tittensor C of E School.	14	14
Oulton C of E School.	13	13
Moddershall C of E School.	12	11
Offley Hay C of E School.	3	3
Barlaston C. of E School.	28	25
Eccleshall Senior School.	14	13
Eccleshall Junior School.	23	20
Slindon C of E School.	4	4
Croxton C of E School.	14	13
Coton C of E School.	25	15
Cotes Heath C of E School.	19	18
Hilderstone C of E School.	19	19
Chebsey C of E School	6	5
Aston C of E School.	18	15
Standon C of E School.	14	13
Sandon C of E School.	25	15.

HOUSING.

1. Proceedings under the Housing Act. 1936.

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.....10.

2. Proceedings under the Public Health Act.

Number of informal notices served requiring defects to be remedied..... 7.

Number of Formal Notices served under Section 93 of the Public Health Act..... 4.

3. Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act. 1936.

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made..... 1.